

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1           1.     An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child, comprising:  
2                 a device that is securable and suspendable around a neck of a user;  
3                 a retaining mechanism connected to the neck device; and  
4                 an interchangeable entertainment object interchangeably and securely connected to  
5 the retaining mechanism within easy reach of the young child being held by the user, the  
6 interchangeable entertainment object being age appropriate and made of colors, materials, and  
7 shapes that entertain and pacify the young child.
  
- 1           2.     An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1,  
2 wherein the neck device comprises one of a necklace, chain, tether, cord, or filament.
  
- 1           3.     An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a newborn child less than three months in  
3 age.
  
- 1           4.     An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a child three to nine months in age.
  
- 1           5.     An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a child more than nine months in age.
  
- 1           6.     An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 3,

2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises contrasting primary colors.

1           7.       An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 3,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises a colorful liquid to promote chewing  
3 and provide a visual stimulus to the child.

1           8.       An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 4,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises bright colors and textures.

1           9.       An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 5,  
2 wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises shapes, pictures, and letters that can be  
3 used as a learning device.

1           10.      An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child, comprising:  
2                   a necklace that is securable and suspendable around a neck of a user;  
3                   a clasp connected to the necklace; and  
4                   an interchangeable entertainment object having a hole provided therethrough for  
5 interchangeably and securely connecting to the clasp within easy reach of the young child being held  
6 by the user, the interchangeable entertainment object being age appropriate and made of colors,  
7 materials, and shapes that entertain and pacify the young child, wherein the interchangeable  
8 entertainment object comprises one of:  
9                   contrasting primary colors for a newborn child less than three months in age,  
10                  a colorful liquid to promote chewing and provide a visual stimulus to a

- 11 newborn child less than three months in age,  
12 bright colors and textures for child three to nine months in age, or  
13 shapes, pictures, and letters that can be used as a learning device for a child  
14 more than nine months in age.